

Forest Land-Thane

Diversion of 0.9286 ha. of Forest land in favour of CIDCO for construction of Rope Suspension Bridge (Skywalk) connecting Hurricane Point and Goreghat point at Chikhaldara Hill Station Municipal Council, Taluka-Chikhaldara, Dist. Amaravati in the State of Maharashtra..

**Government of Maharashtra
Revenue and Forest Department
Government Order No.: FLD-2021/C.R.39/F-10**
Mantralaya, Mumbai-400 032.
Date: 19.07.2024

Ref.:

- 1) Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur, Letter No. Desk-17/ NC / ID-/ 509/2020-21, dt. 18.09.2020.
- 2) Government of Maharashtra, Government letter No. FLD-2021/C.R.39/F-10, dt. 15.03.2021.
- 3) Integrated Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, Nagpur Letter No. FC-I/MH-227/2021-NGP/9173, dt. 19.01.2022.
- 4) Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur, Letter No. Desk-17/ Nodal / Amravati/ID-12708/ 278/2022-2023, dt. 04.05.2022.

Letter No. Desk-17/ Nodal / Amravati/ID-12708/ 1518 /2022-2023, dt. 19.09.2022.

- 5) Integrated Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, Nagpur Letter No. FC-I/MH-227/2021-NGP/10518, dt. 31.10.2022.
- 6) Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Letter No. Desk-17/FCA-S2/PID-35309/Amravati/881, dt.21.06.2023.

Order :

Whereas, the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Nagpur vide letter under reference No.1 has submitted a proposal for diversion of 0.9286 ha. of forest land under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for construction of Rope Suspension Bridge (Skywalk) connecting Hurricane Point and Goreghat point at Chikhaldara Hill Station Municipal Council, Taluka-Chikhaldara, Dist. Amaravati in the State of Maharashtra;

AND whereas, Government of Maharashtra vide letter under reference No.2 has submitted the proposal to the Regional Office, MoEFCC, Government of India, Nagpur under section 2 of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980;

AND whereas, the Government of India after due consideration, vide letter under reference No.3, accorded 'In-principle' approval to divert the 0.9286 ha. Forest Land for the above project under section 2 of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980. The said approval is subject to fulfillment of certain conditions by the User Agency;

AND whereas, the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur vide letter under reference No.4 has submitted compliance of those conditions to the Regional Office, MoEFCC, Government of India, Nagpur;

AND whereas, the Integrated Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, Nagpur, vide under reference no.5 accorded 'Final approval' to divert the of 0.9286 ha of Reserve forest land in favour of CIDCO, Amaravati for construction of Rope Suspension Bridge (Skywalk) connecting Hurricane Point and Goreghat point at Chikhaldara Hill Station Municipal Council, Taluka-Chikhaldara, Dist. Amaravati in the State of Maharashtra under section 2 of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980;

AND whereas, the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur vide letter under reference No.6 has requested State Government to issue diversion order in the matter;

NOW, therefore, Government of Maharashtra hereby directs that the area of 0.9286 ha. consisting of Reserved Forest Land more specifically described in the proposal submitted vide letter under reference No. 1 and as per details given in the Schedule given below, be diverted to the User Agency, i.e. CIDCO, Amaravati for construction of Rope Suspension Bridge (Skywalk) connecting Hurricane Point and Goreghat point at Chikhaldara Hill Station Municipal Council, Taluka-Chikhaldara, Dist. Amaravati in the State of Maharashtra.

The diversion shall be effected subject to the terms and conditions mentioned in the letters dated 19.01.2022 and dated 31.10.2022 of Integrated Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Nagpur. This approval for diversion of forest land is also subject to compliance of following conditions by the User Agency-

1. Deputy Conservator of Forests, East Melghat should ensure that, the fulfilment of Condition No.2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and other conditions mentioned in the order, dated 31.10.2022, before hand over actual possession of forest land to User Agency.
2. The User Agency shall comply with all the conditions stipulated in the 'in-principle' and 'final approval' letters of Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Nagpur, referred above. The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Field Director, Melghat Tiger Reserve, Amravati shall ensure the strict compliance of the conditions by the User Agency and shall furnish the report in this regard to Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur from time to time.
3. For ensuring the compliances and for monitoring the duly prescribed activities and also to carry out other statuary duties, user agency shall facilitate unhindered

access/entry in the area to the local forest Officer. In case the user agency prohibits the free access or create hindrances, the permission given under this Order for the diversion of forest area for the non-forest use shall be withdrawn.

4. Non-compliance of any of the conditions mentioned in Regional Office, MoEF&CC letters dated 19.01.2022 and dated 31.10.2022, in this order and Rules & Guidelines made / issued under Van (Sanrakshan Eevam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, shall amount to violation of Van (Sanrakshan Eevam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and action would be taken accordingly.
5. In case of non-compliance of any of the above conditions, the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Field Director, Melghat Tiger Reserve, Amravati shall report through the State Government to the Deputy Director General of Forests (Central), Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, Nagpur as per procedure laid down in guidelines under the Van (Sanrakshan Eevam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.

SCHEDULE

Sr. No.	Item of Work purpose	Village	Survey / Compt. No.	Length (meter)	Width (meter)	Area (in sq. meter)	Area (in ha.)	Legal Status
1	Main pylon no. P 1 Hurricane Point	Municipal Council, Chikhaldara Tal. Chikhaldara District Amravati	29	17.50	5.00	87.50	0.0088	Reserve Forest
2	Main anchor 2 Goraghat Point 2		29	12.00	8.25	99.00	0.0099	
3	Wind anchor 2 Hurricane Point		29	4.00	5.00	20.00	0.0020	
4	Wind anchor 2 Hurricane Point		29	4.00	5.00	20.00	0.0020	
5	Wind anchor 1 Goraghat Point		29	4.00	5.00	20.00	0.0020	
6	Wind anchor 2 Goraghat Point		29	4.00	5.00	20.00	0.0020	
7	Skywalk platform		29	380.00	2.350	893.00	0.0893	
8	Area under wind ropes R1 over forest land		29	0	0	4270.27	0.4270	
9	Area under wind ropes R2 over forest land		29	0	0	3856.49	0.3856	
	Total Forest Area (in ha)					9286.260	0.9286	

This Government Order is available on Government of Maharashtra's website www.maharashtra.gov.in with Reference No. 202407191808129119 This order has been signed digitally.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Maharashtra.

(Ganesh Jadhao)
Under Secretary to the Government of Maharashtra

Copy:

1. Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, New Delhi.
2. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Maharashtra State, Nagpur.
3. Deputy Director General of Forests (Central), Regional, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, Nagpur.
4. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & CEO, Maha-CAMPA, Nagpur.
5. Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Nagpur.
6. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Conservation), Nagpur.
7. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Field Director, Melghat Tiger Reserve, Amravati
8. Collector, Amravati.
9. Chief Executive Officer, Zilha Parishad, Amravati.
10. Deputy Conservator of Forests, East Melghat Forest Division, Chikhaldara.
11. Executive Engineer, CIDCO, SPA Chikhaldara Tourist Information Center, Chikhaldara.
12. Select File.

I. Collector- Amravati and Chief Executive Officer, Zilha Parishad, Amravati are hereby directed to forward the copy of this order to concerned Heads of Local Bodies, Panchayats, Municipal Bodies in addition to the relevant offices of the Government and they shall also ensure the display of this order on their notice board as well as on the notice board of local self-government bodies for the information of general public.

II. Executive Engineer, CIDCO, SPA Chikhaldara Tourist Information Center, Chikhaldara is hereby directed to publish the entire order of forest clearances granted in verbatim along with the details of Survey No., Gut No., area and legal status of each Survey, Gut No. etc. and along with the conditions and safe guards imposed by the Central Government while granting forest clearances in two widely circulated daily newspapers, one in vernacular language and other in English language. Copy of the Newspapers be submitted to Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Field Director, Melghat Tiger Reserve, Amravati & Deputy Conservator of Forests, East Melghat Forest Division, Chikhaldara.

III. Heads of Local Bodies, Panchayats and Municipal Bodies in addition to the relevant offices of the Government are hereby directed to display the same on their notice board for 30 days from the date of receipt for the information of general public.